

Rules Committee

Ranking Member

The Rules Committee, known as the "Speaker's Committee," is an arm of the House Leadership. Members are appointed by the Speaker and the Minority Leader. The Rules Committee is known as the traffic cop of the House of Representatives because virtually every major piece of legislation must come to the Committee before it is considered on the House Floor. The Rules Committee has the power to decide if, when, and how a bill will be debated and amended on the House Floor. It has authority to grant waivers to legislation and amendments that otherwise might not be allowed to come to the Floor for consideration by the full House.

Congressional Bipartisan Upstate New York Caucus

Chair

The Congressional Bipartisan Upstate New York Caucus was created by Congresswoman Slaughter in January 2009 and has been joined by all Members representing Upstate New York districts in the House of Representatives. The purpose of the Caucus is to collectively address the unique issues facing Upstate New York, namely economic issues.

Congressional Arts Caucus

Co-chair

The Congressional Arts Caucus is a bipartisan organization for Members of Congress who support the arts through federal initiatives. Members participate in press conferences in support of the arts, testify before key committees in support of these cultural agencies, speak on the House floor about the positive educational and economic impact of the arts, and participate in the events of Arts Advocacy Day, an annual March event. Most important, the Arts Caucus also wages an annual fight to preserve funding for the [National Endowment for the Arts](#) .

Congressional Bipartisan Pro-Choice Caucus

Co-chair

The Congressional Bipartisan Pro-Choice Caucus works to promote reproductive health and protect a woman's right to choose. The Caucus arranges briefings, supports and coordinates events, educates Members of Congress about reproductive health rights, and advocates for legislative initiatives that support a women's right to choose. The group also focuses on other areas of woman's health and is actively working to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and abortions through the Prevention First Act (H.R. 463).

Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues

Member

Also known as the Women's Caucus, this bipartisan Congressional Member Organization promotes and raises awareness of legislation and public policy issues of particular concern to women.

[Additional Assignments and Membership Organizations](#)